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Low salmon stock spurs warning

SOUTHERN B.C.

Consumers urged to avoid buying chinook, coho

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As B.C. experiences some of the lowest salmon runs ever recorded, consumers are being warned not to buy chinook or coho salmon from Southern B.C. because of fisheries management concerns.

"The chinook salmon that they catch is doing very poorly," said Jeffrey Young, science policy adviser for the David Suzuki Foundation.

Chinook and coho salmon has been listed as "red" by the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program. The David Suzuki Foundation's SeaChoice system is the Canadian arm of that program, and the Vancouver Aquarium's OceanWise seafood guide is also based on Monterey's ranking. It's the first time B.C. salmon has ever been given the most serious warning.

According to the consumer guide system, a green ranking means fish or other seafood is being sustainably managed, yellow means there are some problems, and red indicates shoppers should avoid the product because not enough is being done to ensure fish stocks are healthy.

Earlier this summer, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans shut down the commercial, recreational and First Nations fisheries on the Fraser River because of extremely low sockeye salmon returns. But Young said DFO needs to do more to reduce fishing of chinook and coho in southern B.C. Consumers are still encouraged to buy salmon that has been caught in Northern B.C.

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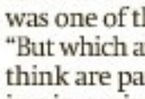

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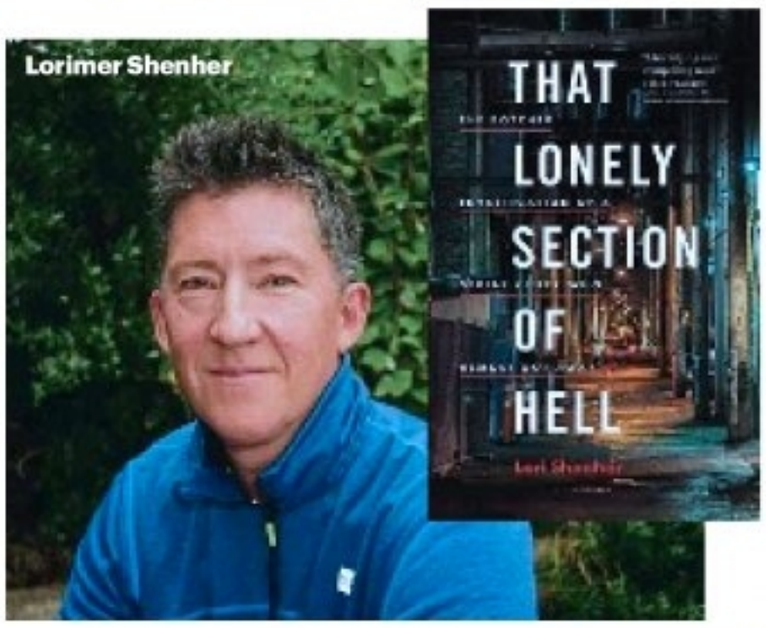
When was the last time you saw your city through someone else's eyes?

Three provocative books shortlisted for the City of Vancouver Book Award encourage readers to do just that. This year's finalists include The Revolving City: 51 Poems and the Stories Behind Them, an anthology of poetry edited by Wayde Compton and Renee Sarojini Saklikar; That Lonely Section of Hell, a memoir of Vancouver's Missing and Murdered Women Investigation by Lorimer Shenher; and Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun: Unceded Territories, the catalogue for an art exhibition currently on display at the Museum of Anthropology, by Karen Duffek and Tania Willard.

All three books are published by local Vancouver publishers.

"We all know the city from different points of view," said Mary Shendlinger, an editor and co-founder of Geist Magazine who was one of three jury members. "But which are the books that we think are particularly outstanding in saying something to us about this place where we live? Its history, its vibe, its place in the universe, and there are very different things in all of those books."

Yuxweluptun is a First Nations artist who over the past 40 years has made vibrant paintings that also make pointed political statements about pollution, corporate greed, government hypocrisy, racism and the land claims process in B.C. For instance, a recent painting titled Christy Clark and the Kinder Morgan Go-Go Girls shows three masked women in business suits, one with a forked tongue. The catalogue is published by Figure 1 and the Museum of Anthropology.

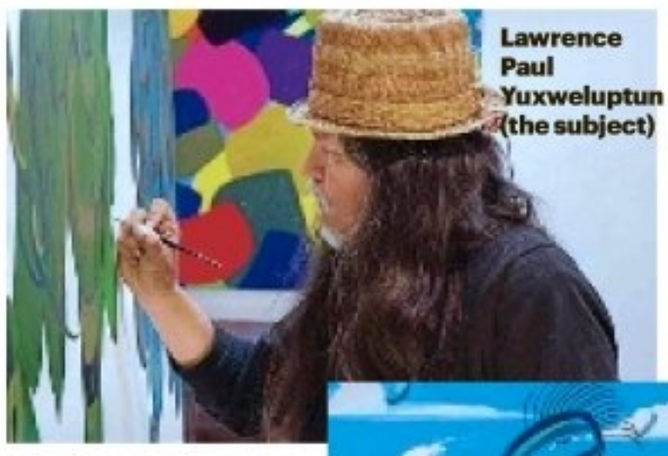


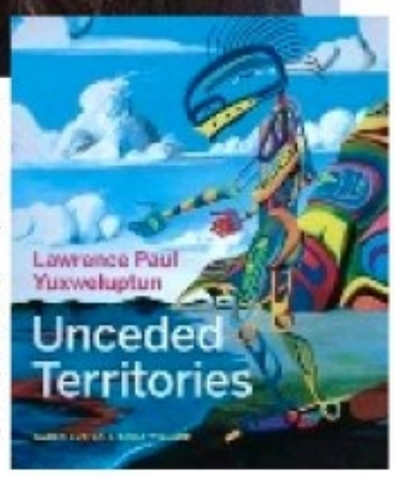
That Lonely Section of Hell: The Botched Investigation of a Serial Killer Who Almost Got Away, published by Greystone Books, is Shenher's first book, and it's been shortlisted for several awards. The moving first-person account of the investigation into missing women in the Downtown Eastside in the 2000s is also a call for change in what he calls a "toxic" police culture.

"I have felt like, while this issue has been an important issue, I've felt that to some degree it's been ignored," Shenher said. "So I'm thrilled that the City of Vancouver, the people there have read it, and I hope that the Vancouver Police will take their lead and read the book."

The anthology edited by authors Wayde Compton and Renee Sarojini Saklikar includes an incredibly diverse collection of poets who call Vancouver home, Shendlinger said.

"They've chosen poems about the city…and the mix is excellent: the diversity of Vancouver really comes out in the collection," she said. The book is published by Anvil Press and SFU Public Square. "There are so many people from so many places, so many points of view, ages, everything."





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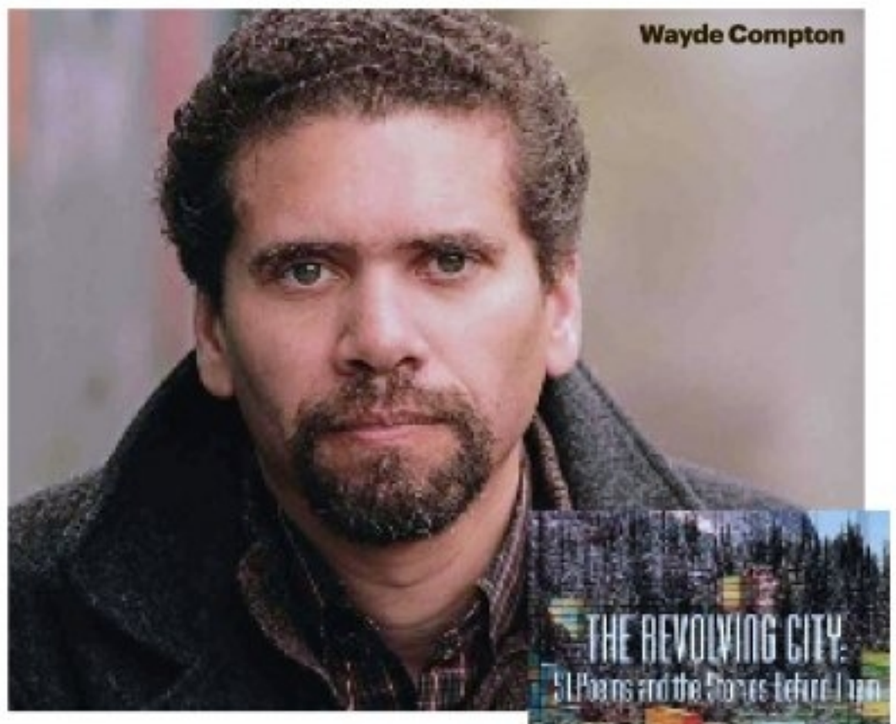

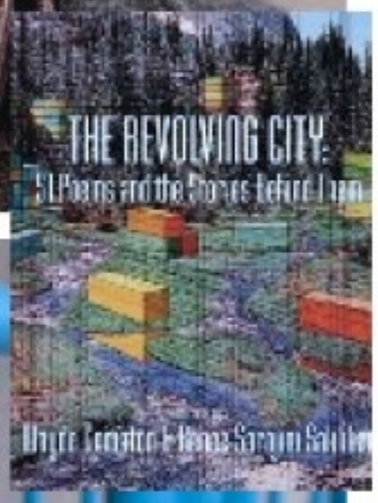

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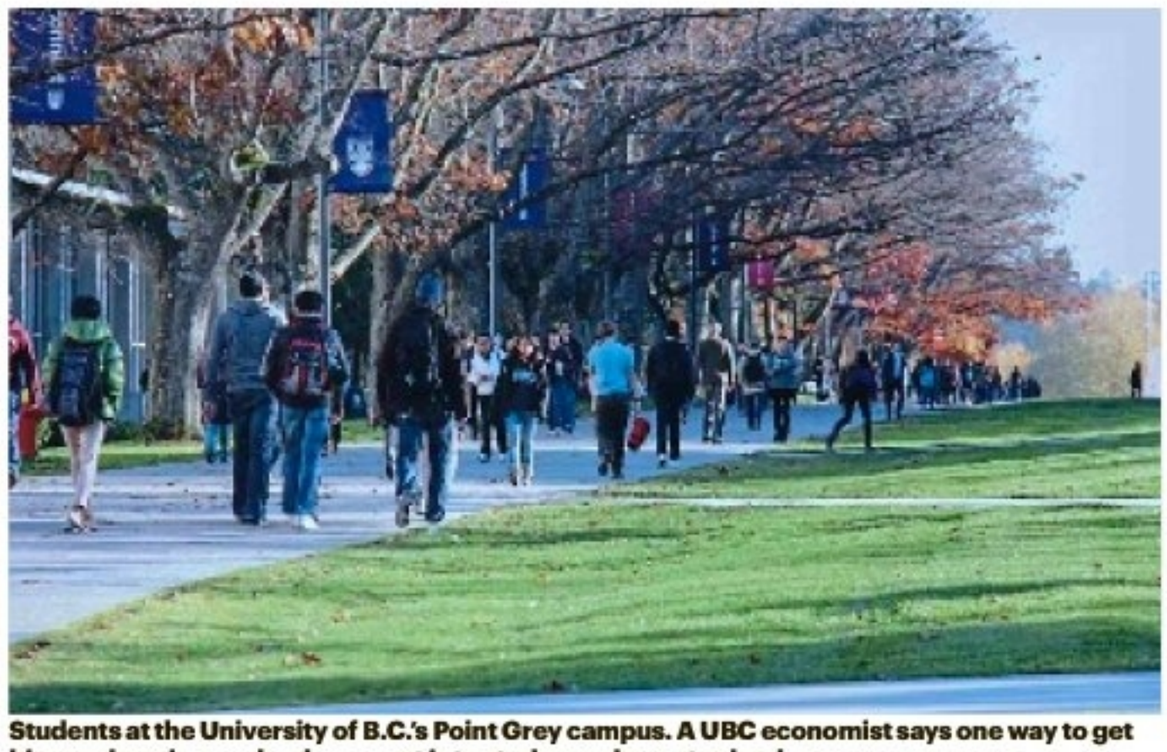

Students at the University of B.C.'s Point Grey campus. A UBC economist says one way to get big numbers in your bank account is to study numbers at school. NICK WELLS/METRO FILE

Finance, data degrees pay off big: Economist

POST-SECONDARY

Other number-related jobs aren't so high-paying, he adds

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

A post-secondary education in data or finance leads to the highest salary among graduates, according to a UBC economist. Here are a few things to keep in mind when choosing a degree if your goal is to make as much money as possible.

Which bachelor degree? Follow the data

People with jobs in science management and quantitative methods — which are fancy ways of saying data analysis — make an average of $130,547 per year for men and $94,525 per year for women, according to 2011 data from Statistics Canada.

Chemical engineering comes in a close second with an average salary of $120,148 for men and $94,385 for women.

Thomas Lemieux, director of UBC's School of Economics, says these types of degrees prove that hard work can pay off.

"These are not easy programs to get through, it's actually quite technical. But in one sense it's a bit of compensation. The studies may not be as enjoyable but you get compensated with higher salaries.

Think practical

Not all number-oriented degrees lead to high paying jobs, warned Lemieux. There aren't many jobs for pure math or physics degree-holders, he said. He suggests taking a few courses in an applied field to bolster salary prospects.

"For math or physics or statistics graduates, if they can take a little bit of business or economics, then that can help a lot."

Studying money helps you make money

People with a master's degree in finance earn the most on average, compared to other graduates, according to Statistics Canada. Men with finance graduate degrees earn $160,100 on average and their female counterparts earn $111,714 on average.

But, follow your passion

But any post-high school education, no matter what degree, increases a person's salary, said Lemieux. For example, men with a BA in political science earn on average $85,069, according to Statistics Canada.

If liberal arts is your passion, then pursue that, said Lemieux.

"There's always a payoff for higher education. It's not as big for art degrees but the data shows that labour market opportunities are better once you get a university degree."

ADOPTION

Snake 'ssssafe' in new home: City

An elusive corn snake that was coaxed from a storm drain below the streets of Victoria last week has been adopted.

The City of Victoria says in a release that after the reptile was pulled from the pipe, it was placed in the care of animal control and listed on their website under "Impounded Animals."

Victoria Animal Control has a 96-hour waiting period to provide time for a pet owner to come forward, and it extended that waiting period once to allow extra time for the creature to be claimed.

There is a four-step process the reptile-loving applicant had to follow, including: an interview, an observation of the snake interacting with the potential adoptee, an application form and an overnight waiting period.

The city says its policies prevent it from releasing the name, location or any other information about the new owner of the non-venomous, nearly two-metre-long snake.

The creature was first spotted in the drain during routine maintenance on Aug. 17 and initially rebuffed all efforts at capture, including a heated tube and offerings of dead mice.

"The City of Victoria is pleased the once elusive snake is ssssafe and has gone to a good home," the release from the city says.

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Team exposes bribe attempt

SOCCER

Corruption critics applaud players who blew whistle

David P. Ball
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Fans of Canada's soccer team usually applaud for their home team, and Tuesday's World Cup qualifier game in Vancouver against El Salvador was no different.

But the Central American team has also earned praise after its players came forward with accusations and an audio recording of a businessman attempting to bribe them not to badly lose the match.

According to the players, they were offered money from a prominent Salvadoran businessman — allegedly on behalf of a Honduran — to win, tie or just narrowly lose the match. A big loss to Canada would block Honduras' pathway to the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

"If you lose 1-0, you all get $15 a minute for the game, is that clear?" stated the man in a Spanish recording played by team members at a press conference Monday stated.

The businessman named by the players, Ricardo Padilla, did not deny the allegations, reported Salvadoran newspaper La Prensa Grafica.

"Let them investigate," he said. "I'm not worried.

"Those who want to see it as something bad can see it that way and those who want to see it as something good then they can too."

El Salvador's Alexander Larin, celebrates with a teammate after scoring against Mexico during a 2018 World Cup qualifier soccer match in San Salvador, El Salvador on Friday. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While it may seem strange to have to pay off a team's players to try to win a match — bribes the players refused — the allegations are just the latest controversy to hit the soccer world in the wake of criminal investigations and arrests of several leaders of soccer's international federation, FIFA.

"These players did something brave," said Business in Vancouver reporter and TSN sports commenter Bob Mackin. "In Latin America, some players who have not performed up to snuff and refs who had their calls doubted in high-profile matches have been assassinated — kidnappings, killings, threats.

"There's a lot of people with money on the line and a passion for the game who have done bad things. I just hope El Salvador's soccer federation protects these players."

Sports corruption journalist Declan Hill tweeted his praise, too, writing on Twitter: "They all said no and in unity against the fixers were together. Good for the El Salvador team! Tremendous courage."

Amnesty International's B.C. organizer Don Wright said that it's not clear if there's any credible danger to the team for speaking out, but El Salvador has a history of civil war and since then, waves of organized crime.

"There certainly is a high level of criminal violence in the country, the high number of homicides and the fact people are fleeing the country or their homes in the face of that," he said. "There's a backdrop of continued impunity for human rights violations committed in the conflict in the 1980s.

"It doesn't sound like these players are too worried, but that could change."

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A lawyer representing patients is arguing for their right to choose private health care. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health-care challenge underway

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Court hears the case for private option

British Columbia shouldn't be allowed to bar patients from taking action privately to meet their own medical needs if the government is failing them in the public health-care system, a court has heard.

Peter Gall, a lawyer representing both a group of patients and the Cambie Surgery Centre in Vancouver, told B.C. Supreme Court on Tuesday that the province's inability to provide residents with timely access to health care violates their constitutional rights and can lead to prolonged suffering.

Easing restrictions on private health-care insurance for core medical services, currently banned by provincial law, would free up resources and shorten wait times by providing a "much-needed safety valve" for the public system, he said.

"The government cannot prohibit people from privately meeting their own health-care needs if they're not being met in the public system. It's really that simple and straightforward," Gall said, speaking before a Vancouver courtroom.

"That's what this case is about. It's about giving effect to the constitutional right of British Columbians to protect their own bodily integrity."

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REAL ESTATE

Premier commits to foreign buyers tax

The plunge in real-estate sales and deceleration in price increases in the Vancouver area last month were exactly what the government was trying to manoeuvre, and Premier Christy Clark says there will be no changes to the foreign-buyers tax.

Clark told reporters Tuesday that her government will not reconsider the 15 per cent tax that is intended to calm what she called a "distorted market."

"The prices were going up way too fast, and if we helped slow that down, that's good," she said.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver announced last Friday that August sales were down by 26 per cent compared with last year, signalling a return to more typical levels.

The largest drop in property sales last month was among detached homes, with a decrease of 44.5 per cent.

The average price of a detached home fell to $1.47 million last month, a 16.7 per cent drop from the month before. Dan Morrison, president of the real-estate board, said on Friday that the region was seeing fewer sales of the highest-priced detached homes and fewer sales of detached homes compared with other kinds of housing, causing average prices to slump.

26%

Decrease in real-estate sales in August, compared with last year

But the real-estate board prefers to measure prices using the benchmark price, which is a representation of a "typical" property sold in the area.

The benchmark price for detached properties reached $1.57 million in August, representing a 12-month increase of 35.8 per cent. However, compared with July, the figure was down 0.1 per cent.

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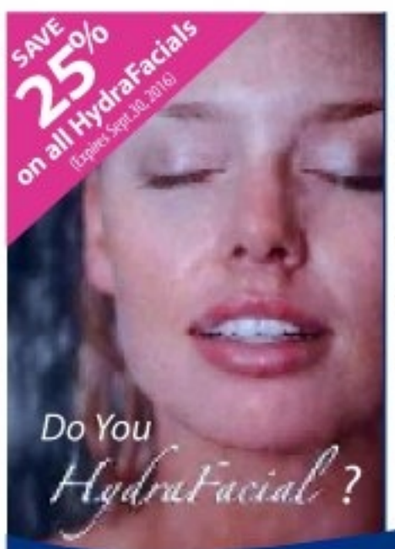

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Illustration of Western Canada Marine Response Corp.'s proposed Vancouver Harbour facility, which if approved would be located in Hastings-Sunrise. COURTESY WCMRC

Oil spill responders pitch 24-7 coast base

PIPELINE

Kinder Morgan to pay 'majority' of proposed $200M project

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

The company tasked with cleaning up oil spills in B.C. — including an English Bay bunker fuel spill last summer — has proposed a "24-7" base in Vancouver's harbour as part of a $200-million expansion proposal.

Western Canada Marine Response Corp.'s announcement Tuesday that it wants boost its annual operations by more than 500 per cent depend on the federal government blessing Kinder Morgan's controversial Trans Mountain pipeline.

"All the new enhancements we're talking about were submitted to the National Energy Board as part of the conditions that project needed to meet," WCMRC spokesman Michael Lowry told Metro in a phone interview. "If the federal cabinet approves the Trans Mountain project, which it's contingent on, we'll be moving ahead."

The plan would see the company — a consortium owned by Kinder Morgan and other oil companies — invest $200 million into a number of staffed bases on B.C.'s coast. It currently only has one such facility in Duncan. And Kinder Morgan would pick up the "majority" of the tab, Lowry said.

> **We're transforming to a 24-7 operation so we have crew on the water 24 hours a day.**
> Michael Lowry

The proposed Vancouver Harbour base, if approved by the port authority, would see WCMRC create new mooring docks at New Brighton Park in Vancouver's Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood.

The docks would host sleeping quarters for spill response crews, an office, mobile skimmers, barges, and rapid response vessels, allowing a 10- to 15-minute response time, Lowry added, and also offer space for a fire department boat.

"Right now, we're on call 24-7 and if we respond to a spill in the middle of night, those guys are coming from their homes," Lowry said. "We're transforming to a 24-7 operation so we have crew on the water 24 hours a day."

On April 8 last year, the bulk grain ship MV Marathassa spilled 2,700 litres of toxic bunker fuel into the waters off Stanley Park, and took hours for the Coast Guard to respond and an overnight containment operation by WCMRC.

But Lowry insisted the company's new proposal has nothing to do with that incident as the plans were already being developed at the time.

"Our role is to be prepared for spills if they happen," he said. "But clearly these enhancements will benefit the entire port."

INDIGENOUS TOURISM

B.C. to restore ferry service on Central Coast

The B.C. government will restore summer ferry service between Bella Coola and Port Hardy, after it cut a similar route in 2014, restricting access to aboriginal tourism sites and drawing protests from local First Nations.

Premier Christy Clark announced on Tuesday that the province and BC Ferries are looking for a vessel to provide a seasonal service between the two Central Coast communities, with sailings beginning in summer 2018.

"By introducing the right ferry service, using the right vessel, we can take advantage of the increasing numbers of international visitors who come here to experience one of the world's jewels — the Great Bear Rainforest," she said in a statement.

She told reporters at a news conference that the new service would be a "very different" one from the route that was cancelled in 2014 as a cost-cutting measure.

She said the ship from the previous route was the wrong size, was often 70 per cent empty and was set to be retired, while two of the sailings each week took 20 hours and only one was direct.

Clark promised the new, more direct service would be "higher-end" and feature a ship that was the right size, but she said the cost of the route was still yet to be negotiated with BC Ferries.

When the route was cut two years ago, the Tourism Industry Association of B.C. and the Aboriginal Tourism Association of B.C. spoke out against the decision, warning it would dampen efforts to encourage aboriginal tourism.

Keith Henry, now president of the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada, criticized the ferry cancellation at the time.

Henry told the premier's news conference on Tuesday that a mid-coast working group, made up of 15 aboriginal and non-aboriginal partners, had collaborated with the B.C. government over the past two years to establish a "new vision" for tourism in the area that included ferry service.

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Canada not perfect on rights: PM

POLITICS

Trudeau raises concerns with China's elites

When Justin Trudeau raised concerns directly with China's political elite about their human-rights record, he says he acknowledged Canada isn't perfect.

The prime minister shared more details Tuesday about his high-level talks last week with Beijing, sessions that included face time with President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang.

Trudeau told a business luncheon in Hong Kong that he brought up his concerns in those meetings, ranging from consular cases, rule of law, governance and corruption.

"(I) talked about the challenges, but also talked about the fact that Canada is not immune to criticisms on human rights, either," he said during an on-stage interview hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

"The perspective that a lot of countries have is, 'Well, you know, foreign countries or foreign observers shouldn't be criticizing what are internal matters to us.'"

He said he pointed out how a UN rapporteur put out a "scathing report" a few years ago on Canada's treatment of Indigenous Peoples, of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls and other challenges.

Trudeau's Hong Kong event came on the last day of his eight-day official visit to China, a trip that also included stops in Beijiing, Shanghai and Hangzhou for the Group of 20 leaders' summit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CREEPY CRAWLIES

Entomologists rally around bullied girl

Seven-year-old Sophia Spencer loves bugs so much she had her hair cut short so it wouldn't get in the way while she was catching them.

She keeps more than a dozen pet grasshoppers in a dinosaur bucket and Mason jar at home. Last year, her favourite bugs were snails, and the year before that she was fascinated with worms and ants.

After moving from Sarnia to Alexandria, Ont., and switching schools, her obsession with insects set her apart from the other kids and made her the butt of cruel jokes, according to her mom, Nicole.

The teasing started on the first day of school. Sophia was carrying a caterpillar around and talking to it, as she's prone to do, when a girl said: "You're weird. You shouldn't be playing with bugs."

The bullying only got worse, Nicole said. When Sophia brought another caterpillar to show-and-tell, a boy asked to see it after — then stomped on it.

"Nobody would go near her," her mom said.

She notified Sophia's teachers and still nothing changed, she said. The bullying had taken such a toll on her daughter's confidence that she wrote a heartfelt email to the Entomological Society of Canada. She asked the society to arrange a chat between Sophia and an insect specialist, to encourage her love of bugs.

Sophia Spencer poses for a photo with her grasshopper named Hoppers in Alexandria, Ont. Her mother tweeted about her daughter's love of bugs and the post went viral. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"I want her to know from an expert that she is not weird or strange (what kids call her) for loving bugs and insects," Nicole wrote.

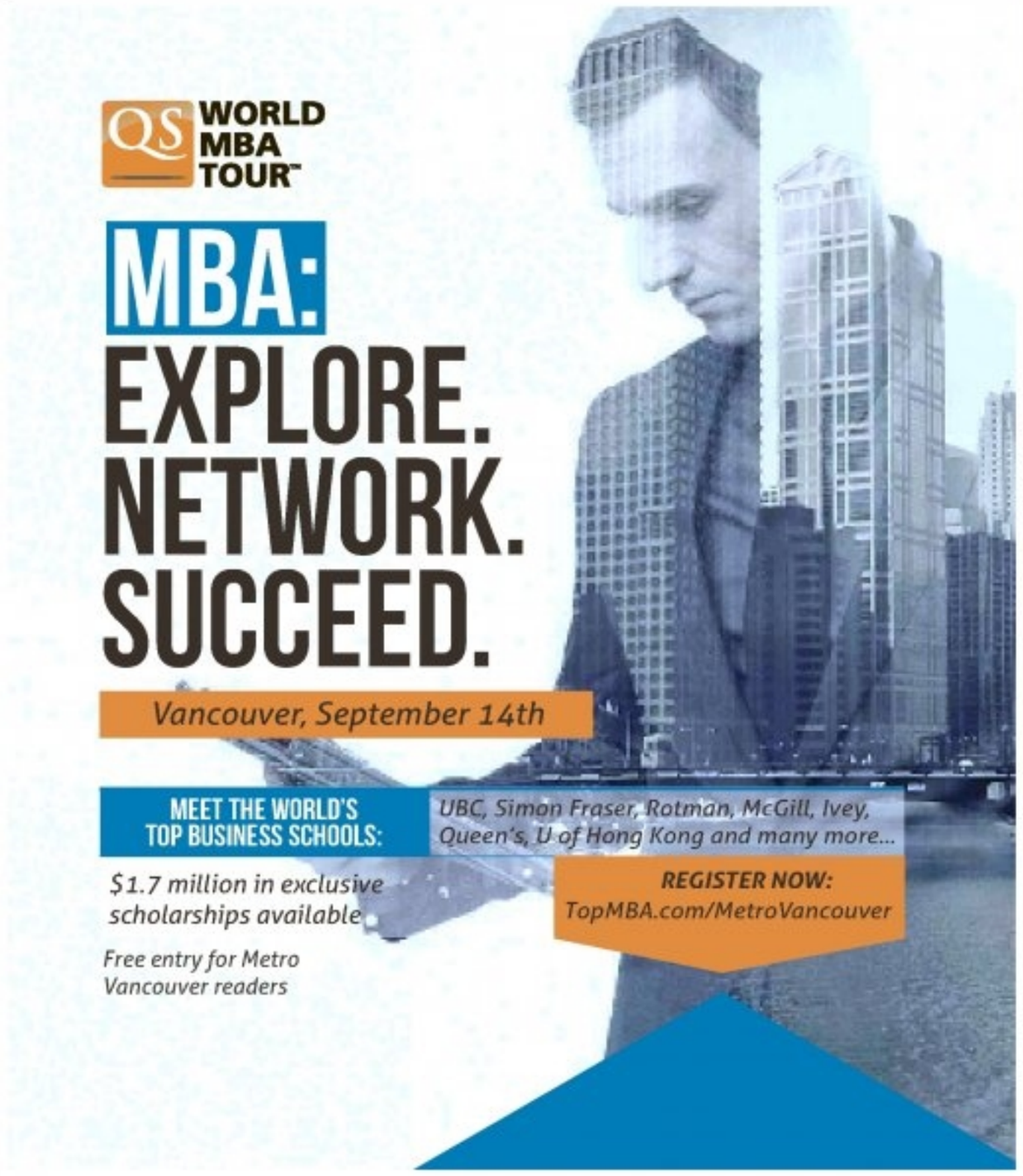
The email found its way to Jackson Morgan, the society's social-media volunteer and a PhD student in entomology at Guelph University.

"I was heartbroken," he recalled. "I don't like hearing about anybody being bullied, especially about something I'm so passionate about."

He posted the email to Twitter, where it grabbed the attention of entomologists internationally.

By Friday, more than a hundred people agreed to be her pen pal, said Morgan. The social-media discussion took on a life of its own under the hashtag #BugsR4Girls as entomologists the world over posted words of encouragement and pictures of themselves with creepy crawlies.

"I was inspired by brilliant female entomologists & I hope that I can do the same for others," tweeted Ashleigh Whifflin at the National Museums of Scotland. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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U.S. ELECTION

Clinton, Trump: He's a national security danger; no, she is

Hillary Clinton accused Donald Trump of insulting America's veterans and pressing dangerous military plans around the globe on Tuesday, seeking to undercut his appeal to service families in Southern voting battlegrounds. Trump declared "our country is going to hell" because of policies she would make even worse.

Clinton, addressing supporters in Florida, warned that Trump would lead the nation back to war in the Middle East. And to military vets and their families, she pointed anew to his summertime dust-up with the Muslim parents of a slain American soldier.

"His whole campaign has been one long insult to all those who have worn the uniform," the Democratic nominee said at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Republican Trump, trying to emphasize his military support, released a letter from 88 retired generals and admirals citing an urgent need for a "course correction" in America's national security policy.

It was aimed at rebutting Clinton's arguments that she would be best positioned to lead the military and reassuring Republicans who have openly worried that his provocative statements might undermine U.S. alliances.

"We believe that such a change can only be made by someone who has not been deeply involved with, and substantially responsible for, the hollowing out of our military and the burgeoning threats facing our country around the world," the military leaders wrote.

"For this reason, we support Donald Trump's candidacy to be our next commander in chief."

Clinton pushed back, saying Trump has lagged in securing key military supporters compared to past Republican nominees.

She pointed to her endorsements from retired Marine Gen. John Allen, who blasted Trump at the Democratic National Committee, and former CIA deputy director Mike Morell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STANFORD RAPIST

Turner registers as sex offender in Ohio

Brock Turner

The former Stanford University swimmer whose six-month sentence for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman sparked a national outcry has registered as a sex offender in Ohio, where he's living with his parents.

Brock Turner registered at the Greene County sheriff's office on Tuesday, four days after leaving a California jail after serving half his term. California jail inmates with good behaviour typically serve half their sentences.

Turner registered under his family's address in Sugarcreek Township, where about a dozen people had protested Friday as police watched.

The 21-year-old must register as a sex offender for life. He faces three years of supervised probation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALEPPO

Chlorine bombs dropped: Activists

Syrian activists and rescue workers in the rebel-held part of the contested city of Aleppo said that government warplanes dropped suspected chlorine bombs Tuesday on a crowded neighbourhood, injuring dozens.

The report could not be independently verified and it was not clear how it was determined that chlorine gas was released.

Accusations involving use of chlorine and other poisonous gases are not uncommon in Syria's civil war, and both sides have denied using them while blaming the other for using it as a weapon of war.

In Tuesday's attack, a medical report from one of the hospitals in the besieged eastern rebel-held part of Aleppo was shared with journalists via text messages. It said at least 71 persons, including 37 children and 10 women, were treated for breathing difficulties, dry cough, and that their clothes smelled of chlorine. The report said 10 of the patients are in critical care, including a pregnant woman.

Ibrahem Alhaj, a member of the Syria Civil Defence first responders' team, said he got to the scene in the crowded al-Sukkari neighbourhood shortly after a helicopter dropped barrels containing what he said were four chlorine cylinders.

He said he himself had difficulty breathing and used a mask soaked in salt water to prevent irritation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO

Deadly weekend

Thirteen people were shot to death over the Labor Day weekend in Chicago, making it the deadliest holiday weekend of one of the deadliest summers the city has experienced in decades. Police have not released a final tally, but according to local media reports at least 65 people were shot, including the 13 who died.

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EU closer to banning American lobsters

The European Union will conduct a more extensive review of a proposal to ban lobsters imported from the U.S. and Canada after a scientific panel concluded Sweden raised valid points in its request to declare the American lobster an invasive species.

The dispute started when Sweden announced it had found 32 American lobsters in the country's waters and that they pose a threat to native crustaceans. How the lobsters ended up in Swedish waters is unclear.

Sweden's Agency for Marine and Water Management contends the country is right to be cautious about the appearance of a foreign species.

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The agency also says more research is needed into the impact of cross-breeding of American and European lobsters.

But Robert S. Steneck, a University of Maine scientist, contends American lobsters don't pose a threat to European lobsters in part because winter ocean temperatures along the coasts of European countries are too warm for American lobsters to reproduce.

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FIGHT PLAN

Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc says Canada and the U.S. will "vigorously" try to convince the EU that the American lobster does not pose a threat.

Lobstermen in the U.S. and Canada stand to lose $200 million, but they contend a ban is not supported by science.

Karen Schiavone, pictured in her Toronto store Barkside Bistro which specializes in raw dog food, is one of many hoping to corner a market that may be poised to grow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Owners ditch dry dog food

PETS

Raw, cooked options trend becoming niche business

It seems like kismet that one of the inspirations behind Planet Pup, a Winnipeg dog bakery, was a pooch named Biscuit.

Deb Kurdydyk, who runs the business from her kitchen, said the idea came to her after she started cooking hot organic meals for her Shepherd-Rottweiler mix and wondered, why not start baking cookies and cakes too?

Planet Pup specializes in bone-shaped dog biscuits and birthday cakes. The treats, which are sold online and at some select local retailers, come in a variety of flavours including Wild Pacific salmon and smoked gouda, and elk, apple and blue cheese.

The niche business and others like it are hoping to corner a market that may be poised to grow in the future.

According to market researcher Euromonitor, pet owners in Canada are still opting for prepared food due to convenience, but a rising number are turning to organic and raw pet food.

A Euromonitor report released in June says while prepared dog food accounted for an 87 per cent share of total dog food consumption last year, that is expected to decrease this year.

Karen Schiavone has been selling raw dog food at Barkside Bistro in Toronto's east end for three years after her two dogs died on the same night, both from cancer. "I realized it was probably the food," said Schiavone, who also offers a delivery subscription service. Barkside sells a variety of bones and meats, including beef, duck, elk, buffalo and kangaroo.

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PAUL WELLS ON FEDERAL RESEARCH FUNDING

In giving $900 million to only 13 institutions and a few dozen researchers, the Liberals highlighted some disturbing trends in Canada's national science effort.

At first glance, the parade of cabinet ministers on university campuses across Canada yesterday might have looked like evidence of a new era in federal support for science.

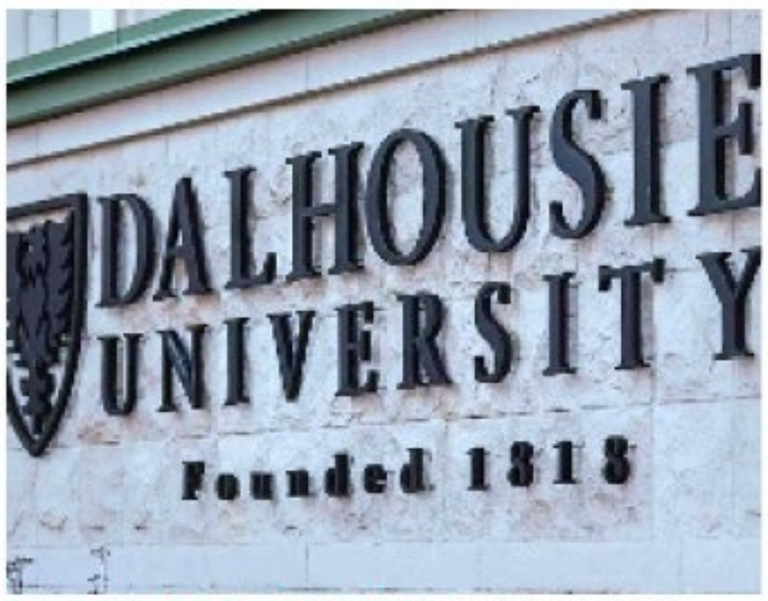
Scott Brison was on hand at Dalhousie University in Halifax, which will work with the University of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland's Memorial University on a multidisciplinary ocean-studies project. The size of the grant from Ottawa: $94 million.

Kirsty Duncan and Bardish Chagger were in Waterloo, where the Institute for Quantum Computing picked up $76 million to create powerful new technology using quantum physics. And on it went: $78 million for flood and drought prediction at the University of Saskatchewan. $84 million for brain research at McGill, $94 million for big data at the Université de Montréal, $75 million for clean energy at each of Alberta's two biggest universities.

In all, 13 centres of higher learning split $900 million in grants under the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF), whose website says it was designed to help Canadian post-secondary institutions become "global research leaders."

Specifically — and this fact was not emphasized at any of the announcements on Tuesday — it was designed in 2014 by the former Conservative government, whose finance minister at the time, the late Jim Flaherty, announced CFREF in his 2014 budget.

This tidbit should elicit a wry chuckle from anyone who's used to hearing the Harper government dismissed as a bunch of knuckle-dragging backwoodsmen at war with the Enlightenment. There was indeed a lot to criticize about how Harper did science, but those Liberal ministers were out there on Tuesday cashing Conservative cheques.



DON'T SPEND IT ALL IN 13 PLACES Dalhousie University received a $94 million cheque from the Liberal government yesterday, part of a $900-million federal investment in scientific research. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

(Since those cheques, whether red or blue, come out of your taxes, the difference is mostly one of dramatic effect. And this sort of policy continuity, where a new government implements an earlier government's decisions, is usually healthy, because it gives anyone who deals with government a chance to plan past the next election.)

But paternity is not the only interesting question to arise from yesterday's announcement. That $900 million, distributed among only 13 institutions and a few dozen researchers, serves to highlight some disturbing long-term trends in Canada's national science effort.

CFREF was created to allow big science in Canada to bulk up so it could compete against world-leading research institutions abroad. But it comes along at a moment when everyday science — the day-to-day efforts of researchers in labs across the country — has been struggling. The Harper government held the line on most operating grants to researchers, so fewer and fewer research applications have been receiving funding. The Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the main federal government vehicle for funding medical research, has seen its "success rate" fall to 13 per cent, and it will probably fall further.

That leaves a lot of frustrated and disillusioned scientists, many of them the younger early-career researchers who are entering precisely the period in their careers when most scientists do their most surprising and productive work. Tony Pawson, the British-born cell biologist who died in Toronto in 2013, opened up a whole new field of lucrative and life-saving anti-cancer therapies with research that didn't cost much, showed little obvious promise, and began when he was 21.

Michael Hendricks, a McGill University biologist, pointed out yesterday that with $700 million — less than the amount that was spent yesterday — Ottawa could fund "1,000 Canadian research labs that are already equipped and ready to go but are starved for operating funds."

Does it make more sense to bet big on 13 research institutes or to bet long on 1,000 quiet explorers? Maybe you should do a bit of both. It's not as though the Trudeau government is ignoring the question: a federal review of science funding is underway, led by former University of Toronto president David Naylor, with a mandate to report by the end of the year.

Naylor is a pit bull, and his panel's website suggests it's considering precisely the sorts of questions I've raised here. But its composition is weighted toward administrators over early- and mid-career researchers, and decisions are being made even as it does its work. It will do little good to decide, after $900 million has been spent, that other choices might have been wiser.

Strong day-to-day advice might help while the expert panels do their consulting. But 10 months after the government was sworn in, Trudeau and his science minister have not appointed a senior federal science adviser, something they promised to do in the last election.

Paul Wells is a national politics columnist for the Toronto Star.

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Mansbridge's successor: A gravitas-meister for the rest of us, let's hope

Vicky Mochama
For Metro

Flagship television news hasn't evolved much from its origins.

For most channels, news is still read by a person who is often a white man in an expensive suit. After some gravitas-laced reading aloud, he will throw over to a handful of correspondents dotted across the world then to a weather person. Then he'll wrap up with a lighter story.

"And finally, a waterskiing parrot has raised over $2,000 for the children's hospital. Our correspondent reports."

For Canadians, our Head of Gravitas has been Peter Mansbridge, CBC's host of The National, who has announced that he will longer host the flagship news show as of Canada Day 2017.

In 1993, Mans — as he's called by his very close friends/me — introduced Canadians to "a computer network called Internet." It's been 23 years now and it's time for the Internet to replace him. Video supposedly killed the radio star and yet we still know who Ira Glass and Anna Maria Tremonti are. So, yes, in the future, we will have news anchors. Sort of.

Ideally, the CBC will be at the forefront of existing technology and find a way to bridge Snapchat's filters and Pokémon Go's augmented reality layers onto broadcast news. Since Nahlah Ayed is going to trek to a tunnel under the Israeli-Palestinian border, why not allow the viewer to experience it from the safety of home? Maybe we can even keep Mans as a hologram, only now that reassuring voice and grey suit can wear a flower-crown filter.

Nothing from the CBC suggests that they have the ability to create a digital host. But on at least one front, they have the ability to push Canadian media past a major frontier: Do not give the National anchor job to another white man.

There's nothing *essentially* wrong with white men, but there are enough on TV at the moment, thank you very much. If you're not thrilled that a white man isn't reading the news, just wait an hour and a blinding array of white men can joke about the news on the late-night shows.

The CBC has a mandate to reflect Canadians back to Canada, and yet the corporation is incredibly white in a country that is at least a quarter visible minority. Recently, the CBC replaced Shad, a black man, with Tom Power, who is white, as host of Q. So they owe the Mansbridge replacement to the rest of us, who pay to see Canada reflected to us.

Peter Mansbridge exits the anchor's chair on Canada's 150th birthday. Let's step forward into our bright future by letting a person of colour tell my mom the day's sad news seven hours after I've read about it on Twitter.

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RECIPE

Get in the mood for autumn with this pork dish

Kitchen wisdom holds that produce that's in season at the same time will taste great on the same plate (what grows together, goes together, as the saying goes). Here, sweet potatoes, apples, and Vidalia onion are roasted along with pork chops for an autumnal one-pan supper.

The tubers soak up the pan juices — flavoured with apple cider vinegar, apple cider, and caraway seeds — that are also drizzled over each serving.

Roasted Pork Chops with Sweet Potatoes and Apples
Serves 4.

Ingredients:
- 4 bone-in pork chops (each about 10 ounces and 1 inch thick)
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, scrubbed and cut into ¼-inch-thick rounds
- 1 large sweet onion, such as Vidalia, cut into ¼-inch-thick rounds
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar, preferably unfiltered
- ½ cup unsweetened apple cider, preferably unfiltered
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 2 apples, preferably Honeycrisp, thinly sliced, seeds removed

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Season pork with salt and pepper. Heat a large ovenproof skillet over medium high; swirl in oil. Cook chops until golden brown, turning once, about 8 minutes total. Transfer to a plate. Remove all but 2 tablespoons fat from skillet.

2. Reduce heat to medium. Add potatoes and onion; season with salt. Cook until golden in spots, about 10 minutes. Add vinegar and cider. Cover and simmer, stirring a few times, until potatoes are tender, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with caraway seeds.

3. Return pork and juices to skillet; tuck apple slices between chops. Roast until a thermometer inserted into thickest part of chops (without touching bone) registers 138°F, about 10 minutes. Serve pork, vegetables, and apples with pan juices.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Entire episode is a spoiler

THE SHOW: American Gothic, Season 1, Episode 11 (Global)
THE MOMENT: The complete recap

Virginia Madsen (Madeline Hawthorne) tells everyone in the family whodunnit in Episode 11 of American Gothic. CONTRIBUTED

"You need to know the whole story," Boston matriarch Madeline Hawthorne (Virginia Madsen) tells three of her grown children — Alison (Juliet Rylance), who wants to be mayor; Cam (Justin Chatwin), a recovering drug user; and Tessa (Megan Ketch), pregnant and fragile — about the local serial murderer known as the Silver Bells Killer (SBK).

Meanwhile, while digging up a body, Madeline's other child, Garrett (Antony Starr), hunky and troubled, tells the same story to Tessa's husband Brady (Elliot Knight), a cop.

"The man you pushed down the stairs was SBK," Madeline intones.

"I kept the knife as a reminder that I had to do what I did," Garrett growls.

"So Dad wasn't SBK, he was a copycat," Cam deduces.

"He killed to protect his fortune," Alison adds.

"Why didn't you tell us when we found the bells?" Tessa wonders.

"Or when his DNA matched the belt?" Alison asks.

This is one of the strangest hours of TV ever. Instead of the usual mystery series route — seed clues throughout the episodes; let viewers figure some stuff out along the way; build to a finale that reveals answers via plot — this one just throws up its hands and says, "That's hard. How ''bout I simply tell you everything all at once?"

The real question isn't, Why didn't Madeline tell her kids this earlier and spare them a lot of grief? The real question is: Why the heck is she telling us this now, since it renders the entire season we just watched absolutely moot?

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

GOSSIP

Drake and RiRi date spawns matching shark tats

Rihanna may have Love on the Brain, but Drake has it on his arm.

The 6ix God was spotted with a camouflage shark tattooed on his right forearm — the same ink Rihanna showed off in a recent Instagram post.

Drake reportedly rented out Ripley's Aquarium for a private date with his on-again, off-again love interest in July.

Rumour has it he bought her a stuffed shark, and the tat is a reference to the gift. If that's not romantic enough, the power couple took an affectionate selfie under the CN Tower. Now that's Views From The 6.

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REVIEW

C-Class had to be great —and fortunately it is

Sami Haj-Assaad
AutoGuide.com

With the A5 needing a refresh and starting to look old in the eyes of some socialites and the 4 Series lacking the style and sportiness that drivers in this segment are looking for, Mercedes-Benz is offering a shining star in its C-Class Coupe.

While the last generation C-Class Coupe showed up a few years after its sedan counterpart hit the market, this new-gen model is hot on the heels of the launch of the new sedan; it seems like Mercedes is eager to strut its stuff in this interesting market segment.

The luxury coupe competition has become stale and the only fresh new vehicles are coming from unusual sources, like the new, but polarizing Lexus RC. To turn that trend around, the new C-Class Coupe has to be fantastic. Fortunately, it is.

First impressions are important, and the C-Class walks a fine line between bling and beauty. While many of the test vehicles featured the brand's usually excessive looking diamond chrome grille option, these cars didn't look garish at all. Eighteen-inch wheels and other aggressive exterior appearance parts also helped the C-Class Coupe maintain a striking visual presence.

Sleek from all angles, this Coupe easily stands out alongside the bigger, more expensive Mercedes vehicles and coupes. The C-Class no longer has a second class design or a cheap interior; Mercedes' new interior design language is among the best in the market. Circular vents are accented by chunky, toggle-like switches and if the car features the upgraded Burmester audio system, the speaker grilles are like little art installations in their own right.

Throwing the C-Class around the back roads of Maine and New Hampshire is a good way to feel how the Coupe is tuned for more feedback and a tighter response in terms of steering and handling. However, most of the cars tested were equipped with the AMG Sport Package that included a sport suspension, so the ride did get a bit choppy, especially over broken pavement. Alternatively, the brand's Airmatic suspension smoothed out the ride and is a must-have option. While the suspension gives plenty of feedback, the steering is a bit lifeless.

But with its competition from BMW and Audi now stale, the introduction of the new C-Class is a refreshing sight in this niche segment. While the A5 and 3 Series Coupe have enjoyed success in the past, it's clear that the Mercedes C-Class Coupe is now the best two-door luxury car on the market.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 MERCEDES-BENZ C300 COUPE

THE BASICS

Engine: Turbo 2.0-litre four-cylinder
Power: 240 hp and 38 kg/m of torque
Transmission: Seven-speed automatic
Price (CAD): Starts at $48,100

LOVE IT

- Great style
- Beautiful interior
- Solid engine

LEAVE IT

- Seats could be better
- Sport suspension is too harsh

RECOGNITION

2017 Lincoln MKZ wins top safety award

Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

The 2017 Lincoln MKZ has earned the highest safety rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

The midsize luxury car shares its platform with the Ford Fusion, which also earned a Top Safety Pick+ designation from IIHS. Both cars had their front ends and bumpers modified to improve protection in frontal crashes and now earn a good rating in the small overlap test, compared with an acceptable rating for earlier models.

Like the 2017 Ford Fusion, the MKZ is available with an optional front crash prevention system that earns a superior rating. In IIHS track tests, the MKZ was able to avoid collisions at 19 km/h and 40 km/h.

To qualify for Top Safety Pick+, the top award from IIHS, a vehicle must earn good ratings in the small overlap front, moderate overlap front, side, roof strength and head restraint tests.

It also must have an available front crash prevention system that earns an advanced or superior rating.

The 2017 Lincoln MKZ. LEE BAILIE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WHEELS BRIEFS

Installing child seats getting easier, safety agency says

Three vehicles have earned a top rating of good+ on the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's (IIHS) LATCH ease-of-use ratings.

The agency launched its ratings of child seat installation hardware in vehicles in June 2015, and at the time, most of the 102 vehicles that were rated scored poor or marginal. Now, 170 current models have been evaluated and most are good or acceptable. This year also marks the first time a vehicle has received a good+ rating with the Audi Q7, Lexus RX and Toyota Prius all earning the highest marks.

"Frustrating child seat installations have become a familiar rite of parenthood," says Jessica Jermakian, an IIHS senior research engineer. "Unfortunately, these frustrations lead to mistakes that can have real consequences in the event of a crash. We're pleased to see automakers taking this issue seriously."

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Porsche Panamera enters a new era

Gone is the bubble-like shape that made the old Porsche Panamera look not unlike a Volkwagen Beetle that got stuck in a panini press. HANDOUT

DREAM CAR

New model longer, more refined looking

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

Of all the things the Porsche 911 does well, accommodating more than two people isn't among them.

This poses an obvious problem for those without room in their driveways — or budgets — for more than one vehicle. This is where the Porsche Panamera comes in. Because make no mistake, this thing is born from the same bloodlines as its sibling from Stuttgart. It just so happens to have four doors, and with them, room for four people. It's also new for 2017, with nothing except the badge on the hood carrying over from the first-generation car, offering a fresh take on the four-door sports car concept.

Much like the 911 and its umpteen derivatives, the 2017 Panamera will be offered in a whack of trim levels that scale the price ladder in a way only a Porsche can. The sedan will be offered in familiar 4S and Turbo guise at launch, the former acting as the gateway to four-door Porschedom; cost of entry: $100,000.

Work That Body

To describe the 2017 Panamera's exterior in one word it would be: Refined. The new looks build on all of the good from the previous generation, leaving all of the bad.

Gone is the bubble-like shape of old that made the car look a bit like a Volkswagen Beetle that got caught in a panini press, replaced by a sharper profile that is lower, longer and sleeker.

It also leans much more heavily on the likes of the 911 for inspiration, particularly around back where the wide rear haunches do the Panamera plenty of stylistic favors.

Porsche Advanced Cockpit

It's somewhere around the time you slip into the cabin of 2017 Panamera that you realize it's special.

There's just something about the way the car envelops you and puts you firmly in control that brings on a level of confidence and excitement not often felt in a sedan, sport or otherwise.

The interior is so simplified and streamlined, due in part to the automaker's new advanced cockpit design, which brings a completely 918 Spyder-inspired approach to the Panamera that's heavy on the digital.

The first-generation Panamera featured enough buttons on the center console to rival a Boeing 747, but not this time around. Hard keys are replaced by touch-sensitive surfaces that are easy to use and cut down on the clutter. Likewise, most controls have been centralized through a new touchscreen atop the center stack that runs Apple CarPlay and offers WiFi hotspot connectivity.

If that's not enough, the Panamera's instrument cluster features two digital display screens on either side of the tachometer that offer info on everything from g-forces to maps and radio stations.

Identity Crisis

Like the last generation, the 2017 Panamera has two personalities: Sports car and luxury sedan. But unlike its predecessor, the two are much less distinctive from one another — and that's not a bad thing. Both sides of the car blend together in a seamless way, providing equal parts corner-carver and comfy cruiser.

Expecting anything less than superb handling is futile, with an almost 911-like ability to slice up a twisty road and serve it on a platter thanks to electromechanical steering that is tremendously crisp and precise and available four-wheel steering that turn the rear wheels in the same direction as the fronts at speeds above 48 km/h for increased stability and control.

AT A GLANCE

Engine
2.9L twin-turbo V6; 4.0L twin-turbo V8

Power
440 hp, 56 kg/m;
550 hp, 78 kg/m

Transmission
440 hp, 56 kg/m;
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4 ALL-TIME HOTTEST CARS, ACCORDING TO PAGANI

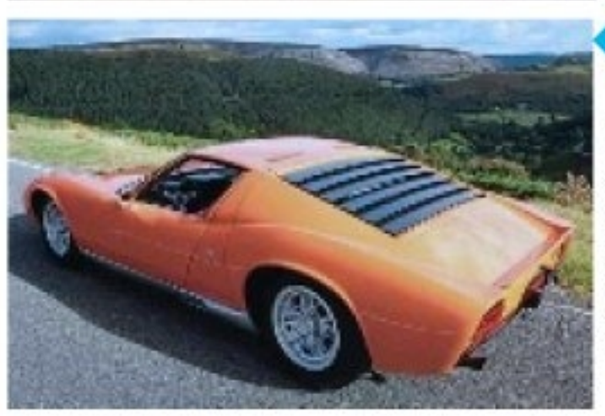
While the performance of Pagani's automobiles is hard to argue with, the design of these supercars is what makes them truly desirable. In the words of Horacio Pagani himself, the engineering and design of the cars go hand in hand. We chatted with the automaker's founder and CEO to ask him what he considers to be some of the most beautiful cars of all time. **SAMI HAJ-ASSAAD/AUTOGUIDE.COM**

1 Jaguar E-Type

The Jaguar E-Type is one of the few non-Italian cars on Pagani's list. Originally introduced in 1961, the E-Type uses a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout with a 3.8-litre inline-six engine under its long hood. Making 265 horsepower, the E-Type was more than just a pretty machine — it could move, too. Many designers reference the E-Type as a major influence, so it's not a huge surprise to see Pagani give some props to this British icon.

2 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing

This choice must have been made by Pagani's inner engineer, because when the 300SL debuted, it was the fastest production car available. The 300SL was named for its unique gullwing doors, and you can see that inspired Pagani.



3 Lamborghini Miura

The Lamborghini Miura has a place in history as being one of the first high-performance, mid-engined cars ever. It practically invented the term supercar, so it's no surprise to see it here on Mr. Pagani's list.

4 De Tomaso Pantera

The De Tomaso Pantera is one of the most misunderstood classics in supercar history. The combination of Italian styling with an American V8 is something that's hard to ignore, but many classic car connoisseurs balk at the quirky car. Fortunately, Pagani isn't one to deny this car's cool factor. Still, this is definitely a surprising entry on this list.

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FIFA president Gianni Infantino is open to a 40-team World Cup in 2026, with several countries serving as co-hosts

Canada's Atiba Hutchinson, left, and El Salvador's Gerson Mayen vie for the ball on Tuesday night. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bittersweet victory

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

Canada beats El Salvador but fails to advance to next round

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Canada's last-dash hopes of qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia have ended.

Cyle Larin, Nikolas Ledgerwood and David Edgar all scored for the Canadian men's soccer team on Tuesday night in a 3-1 victory over visiting El Salvador. But a 0-0 draw between Honduras and Mexico — also played Tuesday — meant Canada finished third in Group A of CONCACAF qualifying.

The Canadians entered their match with El Salvador needing the win, but it also needed to overcome a five-goal differential and for Honduras to lose outright to Mexico.

Mexico finished atop the group standings, with Honduras in second place and El Salvador in fourth. Mexico and Honduras advance to the next round of qualifying process, while the Canadian side will have to turn its attention toward World Cup aspirations in 2022.

After an anxious opening five minutes for the Canadians, the host team settled in, manufacturing one scoring chance after another. Larin opened the scoring in the 11th minute, as he converted a shot from inside the 18-yard box to give Canada the early lead. It appeared during the play that the Canadian forward was offside, as the ball bounced fortuitously to his feet and only goalkeeper Oscar Arroyo Pena stood in front of him.

Canada increased its lead to 2-0 in the 53rd minute when Ledgerwood converted on an opportunity. The momentum seemed to continue in their favour, as El Salvador's Darwin Ceren was handed his second yellow card and ejected from the match just three minutes later, putting the visitors down to 10 players.

But Canada's chances of a miraculous entry into the next round faded when Nelson Bonilla Sanchez scored for El Salvador on a counter attack in the 78th minute.

Edgar converted for the Canadians in second half stoppage time to restore a two-goal advantage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hoops star chosen to wave Maple Leaf

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When David Eng made his Paralympic debut 12 years ago in Athens, coach Mike Frogley would jot down a word each day and pin that word on the wall.

They were words like "leadership" and "commitment," character traits Frogley wanted his players to embody.

They were words, Eng decided then and there, to live by.

"I started focusing on that," Eng said. "That was what I wanted to become, was that type of person."

The 39-year-old veteran of Canada's wheelchair basketball team has been chosen to carry the Maple Leaf into the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games on Wednesday.

"He's a great representation of Canada, (he) embodies all the things that Canadians hold in the highest regard, his work ethic, his discipline, his commitment to the team," said Frogley, now the high performance director for Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

David Eng
THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Those are things all Canadians share in, so they share in him marching out holding our flag."

The two-time Paralympic gold medallist, who was cheered on by both the men's and women's wheelchair teams at his news conference Tuesday morning, will be competing at his fourth Games.

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IN BRIEF

Cramping forces Raonic out of Davis Cup tie

Canada will be without top player Milos Raonic when it takes on Chile in a Davis Cup playoff later this month in Halifax.

Tennis Canada says Raonic is skipping the series due to "lingering effects of the cramping he experienced during his second-round match at the U.S. Open last week."

The all-time series between Canada and Chile is even at 4-4.

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Yanks hang on to beat Jays

Brett Gardner made a leaping catch at the top of the left-field wall on Justin Smoak's bases-loaded drive for the final out, and the Yankees held on during a nervy ninth inning to beat the AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays 7-6 on a misty Tuesday night in New York.

At a season-high seven games over .500, the Yankees closed within 4-1/2 games of first place.

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RECIPE Asian Chicken Salad

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

You can make this in a time crunch and not sacrifice deliciousness.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1/4 - 1/2 purple cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 - 1/2 green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and sliced
- 2 spring onions, sliced
- handful cilantro, chopped
- 1/3 cup peanuts, chopped (optional)

Dressing
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sriracha
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp sugar

Directions

1. Fill a skillet with water and season the water with salt and pepper and bring it to a simmer. Place chicken breasts in water and cook 10 to 12 minutes, depending on how thick the breasts are. Remove from the skillet to clean plate. Use two forks to shred the chicken.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients.

3. In a large serving bowl, toss together the vegetables and chicken. Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss again. Serve the salad in bowls and garnish with cilantro and chopped peanuts.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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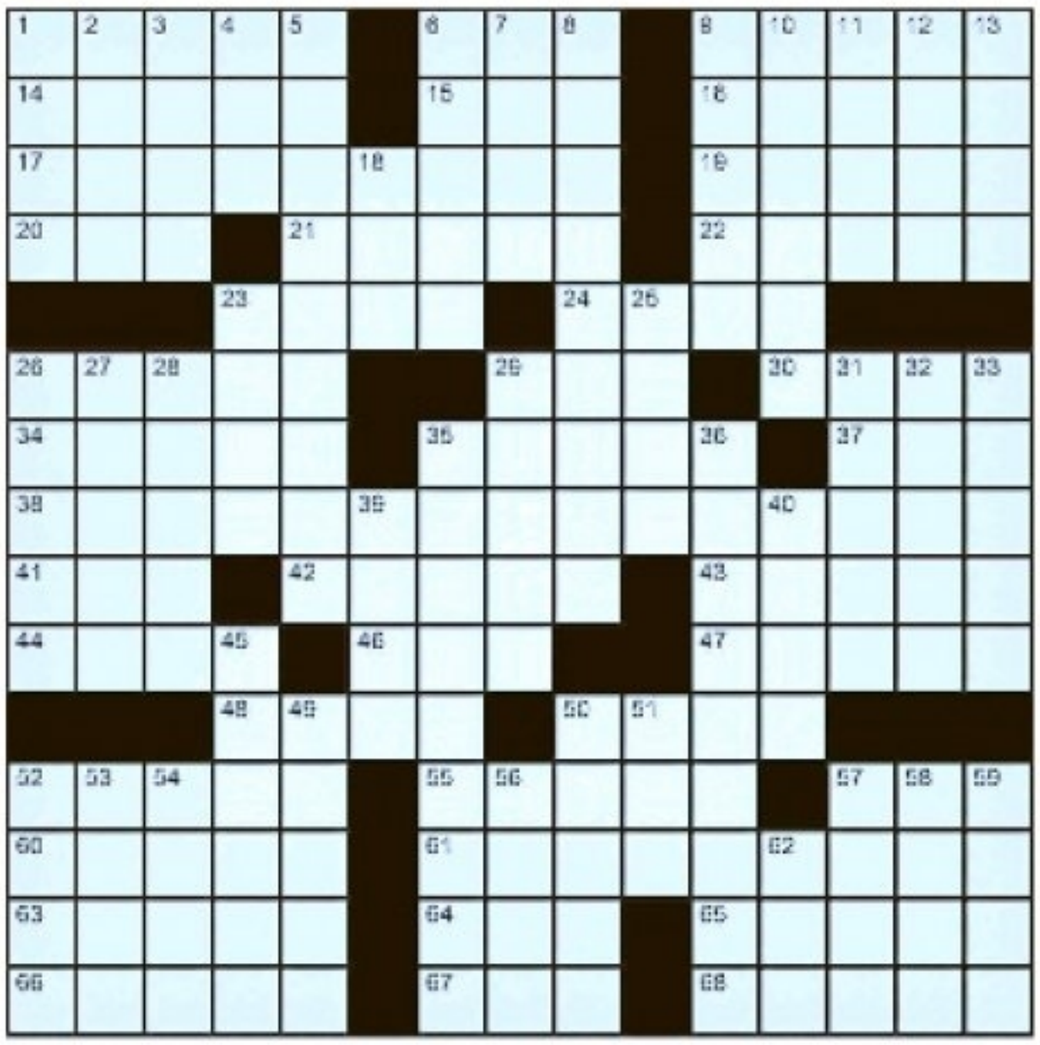

ACROSS
1. Sense, airport canine style
6. Lettered car-pooling lane
9. Toward the stern
14. Jane Fonda's dad, in Paris
15. Songstress Ms. DiFranco
16. Story with morals
17. King Arthur's legendary weapon
19. Stewpots
20. East Coast ocean, for short
21. Canadian 'Push' group
22. Conforms
23. Deer's tail type
24. _-_-the-minute (In style)
26. Unlawfully lift
29. Pro
30. Pharaoh snakes
34. Dominican Republic neighbour
35. Beer holders
37. Celeb photographer
38. Reporters aspire to providing it on big stories: 2 wds.
41. Cereal grass
42. Walk-in closet collection
43. Outspoken
44. Weight allowance
46. Same old, same old
47. Function
48. Lunchtime order
50. Pony's pride
52. Looseness in the line
55. Lyre-playing Muse
57. Holy hail
60. Chilly weather comfort drink
61. 1999 Keanu Reeves blockbuster: 2 wds.
63. Big name in office labels
64. "Mazel _!"
65. K, to Homer
66. Hatchlings' homes
67. 'Computer' suffix
68. Muscle _

DOWN
1. Beatles famed concert stadium
2. Following
3. Comes with it, for short
4. Monk's title
5. They're shown in a critique of a latest Hollywood release: 2 wds.
6. Custom
7. Cross to bear
8. Super skilled sorts
9. Underway
10. Movie boxer Rocky's surname
11. Up to the task
12. Celebrity chef Bobby
13. "Guarding _" (1994)
18. Cash substitute letters
23. Fill
25. Prior to, for short
26. Top type
27. Ms. Tucker
28. Canada's largest duck
29. Aspect
31. Planetary place
32. Particular polytheistic person
33. Wheat type
35. Name of fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld's pet cat he always carries around that has its own Twitter and Instagram accounts
36. Winnipeg: Battle of _ _ National Historic Site of Canada, as per the 1816 conflict in the Pemmican War
39. Drive-_ restaurant
40. Wander
45. Police _ (Dignitary's accompaniment)
49. Signs off on
50. Irish writer Ms. Binchy
51. Bills spewer in the mall
52. Casually look over
53. Zero, in a tennis match
54. Hotshots
56. 17th Greek letters
57. Harp, in Italy
58. Limo passengers often
59. Big test
62. Do some spy work

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to make future travel plans or to check out approaches to further studies and schooling. Whatever you do will have a practical, pleasant outcome.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Relations with co-workers are positive and supportive today. If someone older or more experienced has advice for you, listen to it, because it will help you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A romance might blossom with someone older today. Those of you involved in the arts will find that you have the discipline to practice and hone your skills and techniques.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Any effort to introduce improvements or redecorate your home will go well today. Not only will things be more attractive, they also will function better. An older family member might help.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can make money with your communication skills today. This could be through writing, talking, sales, marketing, teaching or acting. It's easy to be diplomatic and practical.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to solidify your finances so that they are more secure in the future. Someone older might help you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today your steady, calm approach to things creates a role model for others. You see a happy marriage between practical function and relationships. Good for you!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A secret relationship, possibly romantic, with someone older or more established, might take place today. Whatever you do (especially in terms of money) will be low-key.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Check in with someone older or more experienced today to get this person's guidance. His or her suggestions can help you to set future goals. You will know what is doable

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A romance with a boss or someone older or more experienced might begin today. Others will approach you to give their creative advice on design, layout or furniture arrangement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans, especially with someone older, look promising today. This is also a good day to seek advice from a teacher or guru-like figure.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day to settle debts and discussions about inheritances and shared property. People are conservative; however, they want to reach an agreement.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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